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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Re: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am writing in response to the antitrust settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. In my opinion, the settlement is more than fair, considering Microsoft has agreed to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the original suit.

As I understand it, among dozens of other things, Microsoft has agreed to server interoperability, meaning that Microsoft gives its competitors the protocols implemented in Windows that are used to interoperate natively with any Microsoft server operating system. They also have agreed to submit to the authority of a three-person technical committee, which will monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement and assist with dispute resolution.

It is obvious that Microsoft is willing to do what is necessary to bring closure to this matter. The Department of Justice should in return bring all further litigations to a halt.

Sincerely,

John Torrence